

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)	CONFIRMATION NO.: 7784
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Shinichiro NISHIMURA, et al.)	
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U.S. Serial No.: 10/594,182)	Group Art Unit: 1639
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For: POLYMER PARTICLE		

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

A reply to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2010 was due by April 30, 2010. A Petition for Extension of Time for one month and the requisite fee are submitted herewith to extend the date for reply to May 31, 2010. Therefore, please accept this Response as timely filed.

The Action required restriction among four Groups of patentably distinct inventions and two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. Applicants hereby elect Group I of claims 1-12, drawn to a solid support. They further elect the first Species (claims 9-10) drawn to a suspension polymerization method, for examination in this application. Claims 1-9, 11, and 12 read on the first Species.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) for any non-elected claims in due course.

It is submitted that this application now is in condition for examination on the merits and early action in that regard is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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